

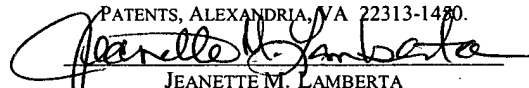
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, requiring restriction of certain claims within the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, claims 1-23, drawn to a method of making sealing members and a method of maximizing quality, and Group II, claims 24-27, drawn to a sheet of material comprising a pattern of sealing members.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-23, drawn to a method of making sealing members and a method of maximizing quality. This election is made without traverse.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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